

THE KANSAS FREE FAIR CATTLE RACES FOR GREATER SPITE OF RAIN POSTPONED HERE RACES WILL HOLD TONIGHT SHOW

Mark Campbell's Aerial Circus Also Postponed.
Grounds in Good Shape Despite Morning Downpour.
BEST EXHIBITS IN HISTORY
Hold American Legion Meet in People's Pavilion.
Auto Polo Contests and Circus Program Tonight.

Kansas today waded triumphantly thru the mud to the greatest free fair in the state's history.
Although it was necessary to postpone the horse races and Mark Campbell's aerial circus, nothing short of actual rain will prevent the staging of the big night show in front of the grandstand this evening. It was officially announced by Secretary Phil Eastman. All other activities are going forward as the sun was shining in all his glory.

Many Visitors in Topeka.
The early morning downpour interfered but little with the influx of visitors who had planned to come to Topeka by railroad and nearly every incoming train was crowded. But hundreds of families who had planned to motor to the capital this morning were doomed to disappointment. Some abandoned their cars and returned home while others remained at home to wait a clearing up of the weather.
In spite of the rain this morning the grounds were in good shape. Cinder walks supplied dry highways for the visitors to walk on and as long as rain was not actually falling, the spectators experienced little discomfort or inconvenience.

Exhibits Are in Place.
The exhibits—the greatest array ever seen at the big Topeka exposition—were all in place. The grandstand is filled to overflowing and a large number of cattle have been crowded into the horse pavilion. The hog barns are crowded, poultry hall is filled, there is a fine display of sheep and milk goats and the dairy show is 25 per cent larger than last year. Nowhere in the world, at any time, has there been a collection of finer livestock than now awaits public inspection at the Free Fair grounds.
The Wortham Greater Alamo shows set into position before the heavy rain began and the grand opening of the Sunflower trail occurred at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Program by American Legion.
The American Legion program was to be the feature tonight in the People's pavilion. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will be open to the public. They will be in charge of Joe Nickel, commander of the Capitol Post No. 1, American Legion, and Mrs. A. M. Harvey, president of the women's auxiliary.
The Capitol Post chorus will render music, "Hinky Dinky Parley Vouz," "The Old Grey Mare" and other songs that came into being or were made famous during the world war, will be among the selections. The basis of this chorus is the same as that in the American Legion. The chorus is led by Sol S. Callner, has written music to all the songs which prior to this have always been sung in harmony form.

Addresses by Prominent Topekan.
Selections by the drum and bugle corps of the Capitol Post and addresses by Col. A. M. Harvey, George T. McDermott, Capt. Fred W. Butler, Topeka Chamber of Commerce; Ralph T. O'Neill, Leslie O. Rowles and others are also on the program. The exercises will be held under the big tent, which will be held up by the auto polo team, which will be taken up by amateurs and individual clubs. At present, there are only fourteen auto polo teams in the United States. For several years the game has been made a feature at state and world fairs.

To Use Standard Cars.
Standard makes of cars are used by the poloists but the mounts are equipped with steel hoops that frequently catch the pole and make men from serious injury when the machines turn turtle, or crash thru a fence. Radio beads are used on the motors to develop greater power and more speed.
In addition to the auto polo contests, which will be played under several thousand candle power electric lights, there will be an elaborate program consisting of a dozen big time circus and hippodrome acts. Among

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THE WEATHER NEWS

FORECAST FOR KANSAS.
Showers probable tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

UNSETTLED WEATHER FOR FAIR

Showers Due in Kansas Tonight and Tuesday, Says Florn.

TODAY'S TEMPERATURES.

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The weather prospects are unfavorable for the Kansas Free Fair, according to Meteorologist Florn. Today the weather was chilly and unsettled. The temperature will probably remain below 60 tomorrow, dropping as low as 50 degrees tonight, says the weather man.

A heavy rain was reported all over Kansas. Topeka received a rain of 1.05 inches; Emmett, 1.56 inches; Herington, 1.28 inches; Salina, 1.75 inches; Emporia, 2.34 inches; Scott, .32 of an inch; Iola, 1.02 inches; Horton, .72 of an inch; Lawrence, .36 of an inch; Manhattan, 1.14 inches. (Continued on Page Two.)

COWERS IN CELL

Youthful Chicago Confessed Murderer's Statement Doubtful.

Could Not Have Killed Two Without Assistance.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Harvey Church, confessed slayer of Bernard Daugherty and Carl Ausmus, automobile salesman, in one of the most revolting in the history of Chicago, did not commit the crime unaided, detectives felt certain today, and the startling theory was advanced that a woman aided him at least in disposing of the bodies after the crime.

In an effort to obtain additional facts and to clear up disputed angles of Church's confession, detectives planned to bring the confessed slayer face to face this afternoon with his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Church. Church already has admitted, detectives assert, that his early confession was inaccurate in certain essential details.

Must Have Had Help.
Altho Church insisted in his confession that he had no accomplices in the crime, he has been unable to believe that Church could not have committed the murders alone. They are seeking accomplices. Two men have been taken into custody as material witnesses. One of them is Leon Park, an automobile repair man known to have been in the neighborhood of the crime.

Daugherty and Ausmus, automobile salesman, were slain last Thursday night in the Desplaines river, where they were to deliver an automobile to Church. Daugherty's body was found in the Desplaines river on Friday and that of Ausmus was discovered, buried in a garage in the rear of Church's home on Saturday. Church had induced Daugherty to enter the basement of his home to close the sale of his car. Once in the basement, the self-confessed slayer says he confined Daugherty with a baseball bat. When Ausmus, suspicious, came to look for Daugherty, he, too, was slain.

Church said that he had buried Ausmus that evening in the coal dust, but police officers refused to believe him. The body of Daugherty was found in the Desplaines and dumped it into the river.

BETHANY OPENS WEDNESDAY

Largest Enrollment in History of College Is Expected.

The 1921 school term of the College of the Sisters of Bethany will begin Wednesday, September 14. The opening exercises will be held at 8 o'clock. Rt. Rev. James Wise will deliver the opening address. The primary department and the kindergarten will also open Wednesday. The largest enrollment ever recorded at Bethany college is expected by Miss M. P. Davis, principal.

The enrollment last year exceeded 200 pupils. Miss Davis believes that there will be at least 215 pupils enrolled this year.
Bethany college now has a full four year college course in addition to the college preparatory course. A new course has been added to the school curriculum this year, according to Miss Davis. It is called the department of education and is intended for women who wish to become teachers. It is taught only in the college curriculum.
The nurses from Christ's hospital will attend Bethany college this year to study English, science, classic and romance languages.
The school is primarily a school for the education and refinement of the minds and characters of its pupils, but more and more it is becoming a school for the physical culture of its pupils. Special attention is given to physical culture and health.

Wichita's First Druggist Dies.
Wichita, Kan., Sept. 12.—Oscar D. Barnes, Wichita's first druggist, died at his home at 1101 E. 10th street, Sunday morning, according to word received by his son, M. D. Barnes, here, Sunday evening.

FLOOD TOLL IS 78 NOW TEXAS IS HARD HIT

Forty-Five Bodies Are Recovered at San Antonio.

Piles of Debris Tombs for Many Victims.

MANY PERSONS ARE MISSING

Rivers of State Are Still on the Rampage.

Are 12,000 Square Miles of State Affected.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 12.—As wire communication is again slowly being re-established after Saturday night's tornado and cloudburst in south, central and southwest Texas, the loss of life and property damage grow.

Seventy-eight bodies have been recovered. Many have probably been swept away in the flood.

An area of fully 12,000 square miles has suffered great damage. "Millions" is the only word used to express the total figure of which it will be many days before any definite idea can be obtained.

The death list at San Antonio is now estimated at close to 100 and forty-five bodies have been recovered.

Thirty Mexicans were drowned near Taylor and nearly 234 inches of rain fell in that vicinity.

Two are dead at Georgetown and four missing.

One is dead at Glenflore, near Wharton.

Austin reports no deaths, but a downpour of 18.25 inches. Eight were reported missing.

While many points where flood conditions raged have not yet reported loss of life, it is almost certain that some must have been drowned because of the suddenness of the rising floods.

Railroad traffic is badly interrupted on account of washed out bridges and water-soaked road beds.

Fifty Dead at San Antonio.

San Antonio, Sept. 12.—Fifty dead, thirty-six injured and twenty missing—together with eight million dollars property loss—is the toll of the flood which early Saturday morning swept parts of San Antonio, as revealed and given out at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the same time, it is estimated that the number of dead may ultimately reach 100 when piles of debris along the banks of the San Antonio river, Alamo and San Pedro creeks are cleared.

The official figures of eight million dollars property loss from the flood are given out by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, following a careful survey of the entire scope of flood damage.

Many Bodies Buried.

The toll of known dead is expected to be much larger. The bodies of many who were killed are still undiscovered. A force of 150 men marshaled together by the city at noon today, tore away a huge pile of debris at the intersection of the creek and the I. & G. N. railroad tracks.

The huge pyramid of debris, fifty feet high and 200 yards across, it is believed will give up from twenty to fifty more bodies.

These piles of untouched debris also exist along Alamo creek, where a distance of two miles, and more bodies are expected to be found in them when they are cleared.

A force of eighty-five men sent out by Commissioner of Streets Rieden, also are digging into a huge pile of debris along Alamo creek, where three bodies were found yesterday and more corpses are expected to be found today.

Rivers Are on Rampage.

Houston, Texas, Sept. 12.—Rivers and streams are on a wild rampage in a score or more of south central Texas counties following the heavy rains of last Friday night. Damage already done is estimated at approximately \$10,000,000.

Thousands of head of cattle have been drowned.

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WASHBURN OPENS TUESDAY

Largest Enrollment in History of College Is Expected.

Washburn college opens Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for enrollment, which means today and tomorrow some five or six hundred young people, college students, will again pay their respects to Topeka, and to Washburn college, which has been a part of the 1921-1922 school year will surround the campus.

For the last week, students have been arriving in Topeka.

Inbound trains on Sunday and today were met by a delegation of Washburn students. Members of Washburn fraternities and sororities were on hand in mass to meet freshmen from outlying towns. The spirit of fall school was surely present.

The law students were designated to enroll in the law department.

A request for the reduction was made by D. R. Alford, mayor of the town. Travis has replied that the reduction will be ordered if fire protection requirements have been met.

"His Money Was Cause" Declares Stepmother of Movie Star Now Accused

Roscoe Arbuckle Had No Education—Started As Butcher Boy—Father Beat Him Cruelly—When Stepmother Ill He Refused to Aid Her—She Now "Takes in Washing"

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 12.—"So Roscoe is charged with murder. I cannot but pity the poor boy. It was his money that did it. Too much money went to his head."

Arbuckle continued. "He never passed the fifth grade in school. I'm sorry that he was so stupid. He should be punished. His crime, if such it was, is not to be excused."

The little mother, who has two blind daughters, paused in her work of washing clothes for the "best families of San Jose" to tell of the early life of the film star.

His Father Beat Him.

"His father mistreated him terribly," she said. "Once I interfered and saved him from what I believe would have been a fatal beating at the hands of his father. But Roscoe owed me nothing. I only did what his mother would have done."

Some time ago when Mrs. Arbuckle was sick, neighbors, against her will, wrote the film star and urged that he assist her. At that time, he was quoted as saying: "Mollie Arbuckle never gave me a meal." This statement hurt Mrs. Arbuckle more than the denial of aid.

Brothers Are Opposites.

For Harry and Arthur Arbuckle, Roscoe's two brothers, their stepmother had nothing but praise. "They are as good men as ever lived and they have been so ever since they would for their own mother," she said. "I feel so sorry that they must bear the shame of their brother's scandal."

Was Butcher's Boy.

Roscoe Arbuckle left the shelter of his stepmother's home in Santa Clara in 1904. He had lived there three years, neighbors said, and his departure was hastened by an injunction from his brother, Harry, to "get out and go to work."

He landed in the movies. He was once employed in Santa Clara as a butcher boy.

He never had an education," Mrs.

Roscoe Arbuckle, Triangle.

This was the statement of Mrs. Molly Arbuckle, stepmother of Roscoe Arbuckle, who she learned of the plight of the famous film comedian.

"He never had an education," Mrs.

HE TRIES SUICIDE KANSAN IS NAMED

W. H. Clyde Makes Unsuccessful Attempt to End His Life.

Cuts Deep Gash in Throat—Will Probably Recover.

W. H. Clyde, who says he is 49 years old and claims everywhere as his home, attempted to commit suicide at the Baltimore hotel in North Topeka this morning by slashing his self with his pocketknife, and is now at the state hospital where physicians are watching him.

Clyde cut a deep, ragged gash on the right side of his throat, exposing the carotid artery, and a stove poker, which he used as a wedge, was thrust into the wound.

One more jab of his knife would have pierced the artery, and Clyde's attempt to end his life would have been successful, physicians say. He also cut a small gash on the back of his left wrist.

Did Not Want to Live.

As Clyde lay on a cot at the police station, his neck, chest, and hands covered with blood, he said repeatedly that he did not want to live and begged those about him to finish the job for him. He asked them to get out their knives and "cut deep." Once he said, "I want to die."

The award of a reward for the capture of Clyde was refused by the police.

Physicians who examined him pronounced him as being insane.

Altho he could talk quite plain in a low tone of voice, Clyde refused to give many details about himself, insisting that he had been in a lot of trouble and wanted to die.

He had been working on a farm near Emporia and drove to Topeka Sunday afternoon in a Ford roadster.

He had been drinking. He had in one of his pockets a copy of an application he made for a motor car license at Emporia, August 17, a check for \$100.00, and a letter from the National headquarters of the Independent, who is acting as executive director of the foundation, is carrying on the work of organizing a nonpartisan line, aiming merely to provide an opportunity for a public hearing on the cause of liberalism.

National headquarters have been established at 150 Nassau street, New York.

Shouse served in the Kansas state senate during the sessions of 1913-15 and was chairman of the ways and means committee during the Hoover administration. He was elected to congress in 1914, when the late George W. Shouse was defeated for re-election to congress by Congressman J. N. Tinscher, Republican. Following his defeat, President Wilson appointed Shouse as assistant secretary of the treasury.

He served in this capacity during the closing days of W. G. McAdoo's term and under Carter Glass until 1918, when Democrats retired from national control. At present Shouse is engaged in handling of income and excess profits taxes in Kansas City, where he formed a partnership with Dudley Doolittle, former congressman from the Fourth Kansas district.

S. A. HEAD VISITS TOPEKA.

Commissioner Peart Is Making Tour of Inspection in Kansas.

Commissioner William Peart, commander of the Salvation Army in fifteen central western states, conducted his tour of inspection in Topeka today. He is accompanied by Brigadier J. C. Smith, who accompanied the Army memorial building Sunday.

Commissioner Peart arrived in Topeka late Saturday, and will remain until Tuesday. He is making a reclassification of fire rates in Leavenworth.

Leavenworth city may receive a reduction in fire insurance rates. Frank L. Travis, state superintendent of insurance, stated today that a reclassification of fire rates in Leavenworth might be ordered in a few days.

Investigation is now being made by the department regarding improvement in fire protection service in Leavenworth. If it is found that the city has complied with recommendations of the Kansas inspection bureau, the state department will order a slash in fire risk rates.

A request for the reduction was made by D. R. Alford, mayor of the town. Travis has replied that the reduction will be ordered if fire protection requirements have been met.

WHOLE NATION IS ROUSED IN ANGER OVER MOVIE CRIME

MURDER CHARGE PLACED AGAINST MOVIE FALSTAFF

Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle Arraigned in San Francisco Court.

Accused of Death of Actress by Guest at "Party."

IS HELD WITHOUT BAIL

Battle of Legal Wits Now on to Save "Fatty" From Gallows.

Host of Witnesses and Lingerie Produced Against Him.

New York, Sept. 12.—The notoriety occasioned by the death of Miss Virginia Rappe and the arrest of "Fatty" Arbuckle on a charge of murder, aroused interest today along Broadway as to what effect the case would have regarding exhibition of films in which he starred.

The Capitol, which is one of the largest movie theaters in the world, authorized this statement:

"We wouldn't touch his pictures now. The public wouldn't come to see his pictures if exhibited."

Loewe Will Not Act.

Marcus Loewe, owner of 200 motion picture theaters, said he believed Arbuckle to be innocent.

"I can't believe that Arbuckle was guilty of any such crime," he said. "I know the man. My attitude is that he is innocent until proven guilty, and no action will be taken to restrict the showing of Arbuckle films in any of my theaters."

Mayor Declares Ban.

Medford, Mass., Sept. 12.—Mayor B. F. Haines of this city today issued an order barring exhibition of motion pictures in which Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle appears.

"I believe it against public morals to show Arbuckle's pictures," he said. "I believe a charge is pending against him, and no action will be taken to restrict the showing of Arbuckle films in any of my theaters."

Barred in Chicago.

Chicago films were withdrawn today as attractions at the Chicago theaters of Lubliner and Trine because of charges of murder pending against him in California.

Other large exhibitors said they did not have Arbuckle pictures booked during the next few weeks, but asserted they considered the demand for the star to be virtually destroyed until his innocence was proved.

Philadelphia Sits Fast.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Fred G. Nixon-Nierlinger, who controls a chain of Philadelphia theaters, today said the Arbuckle picture would make any change in his film bookings at present.

"There is no use kicking a man who has been down," Mr. Nixon-Nierlinger said.

Kansas Exhibitors May Act.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 12.—A motion picture bar in Kansas City today considered by the Missouri Motion Picture Show Owners and the Kansas State Exhibitors' association, in joint session here today.

If the motion is passed, no Arbuckle films will be shown in theaters controlled by the two associations.

His Latest Film Withdrawn.

Los Angeles, Sept. 12.—Without comment from the management, one of the latest Los Angeles film theaters yesterday withdrew a film featuring Arbuckle. It had drawn packed houses up to Saturday.

Distributors Are Silent.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Representatives of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, distributors of the films in which Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle appeared, today said that there had been some cancellations of Arbuckle's pictures as a result of the scandal involving the actor.

Arbuckle's future attitude in regard to the pictures would have to come from New York.

Memphis Censors Declare Ban.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 12.—The Memphis board of censors announced today that the showing of motion pictures featuring Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle would not be permitted in Memphis theaters until he had cleared himself of the charges against him in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe in San Francisco.

Michigan Managers Declare Ban.

Detroit, Sept. 12.—Pictures featuring Roscoe Arbuckle today were barred by the Michigan Motion Picture Exhibitors' association.

Ask Opinion of Topekan.

In case the Kansas State Exhibitors' association fails to bar the Arbuckle films from Kansas theaters, the question of whether or not these pictures are to be shown in Topeka will be up to the Topeka motion picture patrons, according to the opinion of those close to G. L. Hooper, manager of the Isis and Orpheum theaters here. Mr. Hooper is in attendance at the convention in Kansas City and could make no statement, but is expected (Continued on Page Four.)

TRY TO FIX THE BLAME

Charged Bridge Which Fell, Killing Twenty-Four, Was Condemned.

Chester, Pa., Sept. 12.—City officials and citizens alike turned today from the death scene at Third street and Chester river where 24 persons lost their lives Saturday night in the collapse of a bridge, to the investigation of the cause of the disaster.

While Thomas J. Feeley, a member of the board of commissioners, admitted the collapse was due to unusual weight being thrown upon a badly rusted and broken supporting arm, he declared the bridge had been inspected and pronounced safe by the county engineer ten months ago. The break in the arm, he said, was completely concealed from view.